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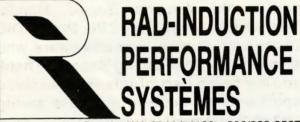






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FORMULA

These are all out race bikes with minimum restrictions. Some are the factory built Gran Prix machines.

VINTAGE

Old bikes

Each category is divided into displacement groups.

PRODUCTION & SUPERBIKE FORMULA

- "A" Class = Open displacement "1" = open displacement
- "B" Class = 750cc limit

"2" = 250cc limit

"C" Class = 650cc limit

"3" = 125cc limit

"D" Class = 410cc limit

Clubman" 250cc limit

"VINTAGE"

"1" = 250cc limit

"2" = 500cc limit

"3" = 750cc limit

"4" = open displacement

Certain types of engines are allowed to run larger displacements than the limit for a given class to make up the difference in performance between engine types.

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COMPETITION CATEGORIES

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CATEGORY refers to the type of motorcycle. There are three major ories: Production, Superbike and Formula (Grand Prix). CLASS generally refers to an engine displacement grouping within

CHANGE means the addition of aftermarket or "optional" parts or

accessories designed to increase safety, performance, reliability or ALTERED or MODIFIED means any cutting, drilling, bending, weld-

ing, brazing or soldering other than normally accepted maintenance and repair procedures.

PERFORMANCE INDEX. When a motorcycle is demonstrably fast or slower than others in its displacement group, it may at the discretion

a) Any production motorcycle not generally available on the U.S. market, and without full E.P.A. and D.O.T. approval for that market will be ineligible to compete in its Production class but may compete class with the exception of A Production, which will retain its eligibility.

b) All Push Rod engines may ride down one class. All machines must conform to the Technical Inspection requirements

PRODUCTION: There must be at least 125 motorcycles available to worldwide, to qualify a machine for the Production category. Proof to be provided by the rider or sponsor.

Production machines are defined as original equipment of manufacturer of motorcycles intended for use on public roads.

The ultimate decision regarding the legality of any machine entered in a Production class is the responsibility of the Chief Technical Inspector for that event in progress. The rider or sponsor of any machine is responsible for producing a service or owners' manual with all parts numbers, specifications and other material required to prove its leg-ality. Legality will be determined based upon the year, model and nake of the machine entered. Updating and backdating is not allowed.

The following changes are mandatory or allowable

a) Rear footpegs may be removed.

b) Rider footpegs may be changed or modified

c) D.O.T. approved street tires must be used.
d) Chain and/or sprockets may be changed. Shaft drive machines ay change gear ratios. The chain guard may be removed for endurance racing only.

e) Handle bars may be changed or altered but, they must be mounted to the stock mounting point.

g) Spark plugs and carburetor jets and needles may be changed.

h) The complete air box must be retained and an air filter must

i) The working internal components of the instrumentation may be removed. The outer housings or dash boards and upper fairings must be retained unless destroyed at that event. The instrument area

i) EXACT replica replacement fairings may be used on machines d with fairings by the factory.

k) Grab rails, horns, reflectors, license plate bracket, lower fairing

I) Turn signals, cruiser pegs and luggage racks must be remo

Steel braided brake lines may be used and are recommended. n) Brake pads may be changed.

p) Filters may be changed.

q) Steering dampers may be added.

r) Padding may be removed or added, but the stock seat base

s) Exhaust systems must remain as provided with no modification of

t) Overbores, up through the fourth oversize, using OEM parts, are wed up to the maximum allowable displacement limits

wed in the engine or transmission.

it must be taped. The headlight fixture must be retained, along with the original mounting brackets and wiring. If requested the stock bulb must be able to be made operational with no modifications, by simply plugging the

w) Tail light must be taped or removed.

x) Oil cooler may be added, but must be mounted forward of the engine and below the headlight fixture in a workamanlike manner

y) A fork brace may be added providing it is fitted in a safe and

z) "Built up" crankshafts may have their journals welded to the fly

SUPERBIKE & (Clubman): Machines that conform to the Production requirements in their origin may be modified to any degree desired

a) Headlight and tail/brake light fixtures must be maintained and mounted in operational condition. Bulb and lense may be removed.

b) Engine must be within the displacement limits of the class for

5. FORMULA: No restrictions other than displacement as outlined below

The classes for Production and Superbike are as follows A PRODUCTION

*15cc will be allowed for overbores Unlimited *25cc will be allowed over stock for FORMULA 1

EXPERTS ONLY

A SUPERBIKE

EXPERT ONLY

B PRODUCTION & SUPERBIKE

Up to 1000cc 4-stroke twins Unlimited singles and push rods *30cc will be allowed for overbores.

C PRODUCTION & SUPERBIKE*

Up to 650cc 4-stroke multies Up to 750cc 4-stroke twins

Unlimited singles

Up to 850 push rod Up to 550cc 2-stroke multies

*K75 BMW

25cc will be all D PRODUCTION & SUPERBIKE* Up to 410cc multies

Up to 500cc 4-stroke twins

Up to 700cc 4-stroke singles

Up to 410cc 2-stroke twins

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FORMULA 3 Up to 125cc 2-stroke watercooled Up to 125cc 2-stroke air cooled Up to 185cc 4-stroke air cooled Up to 25cc 4-stroke singles 'GPz 305 S. Ride up provisions: A racer may ride up classes, but this will be on a space available basis. The maximum size grid on any track will be 75 entries. At some tracks this number may be less as safety dic-tates.

tates.
If a race grid is too big to run safely then the racers that have bumped up from a smaller class will be taken off of the grid. Example if C superbike is too big then all of the Clubman bikes will be removed. If the grid is still too big then all of the D class bikes will be removed from the grid, etc.

a) Production and Superbike machines may ride up two categories colly.

only.
E up to C; D up to B; C up to A
b)Formula machines may ride u

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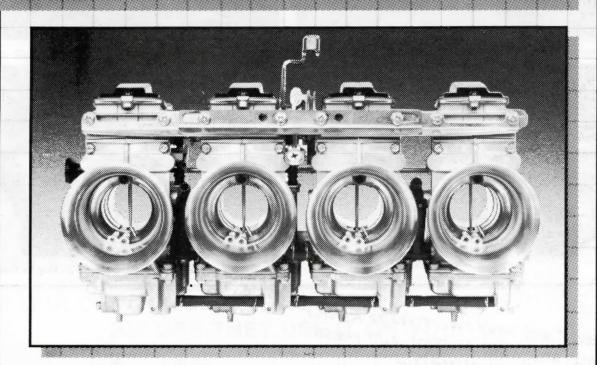


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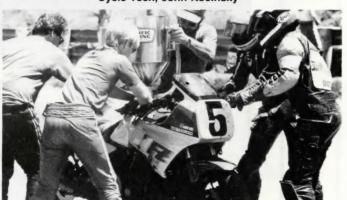


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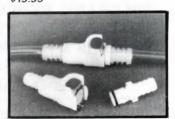
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WERA THE NEW WORLD CHAMPION FACTORY

by Larry Lawrence

In the not too distant past if one of the factories decided they wanted to go racing in the U.S. it seemed they looked no further than their Californian back yard to find a rider. Mind you many of the Californian guys did a pretty decent job. Kenney Roberts, Wes Cooley, Dave Aldana, Randy Mamola and Eddie Lawson did nothing to improve the chances of riders from other parts of the country.

For the aspiring road racer who happened to live east of the Sierra Nevadas, there were few races to go to. When there was a road race, coverage was nil. In California there were several racing organizations that brought together the best competition and gave Joe Racer a chance to improve his skills.

Racing organizations existed in the east also yet they couldn't seem to generate rider interest on a large scale.

The Eastern Roadracers Association which later became Western Eastern Roadracers Association came along in 1973 and gradually the picture for riders in the Mid and Eastern U.S. became brighter. Racers like Mike Baldwin and Freddie Spencer benefitted greatly from the exposure WERA races gave them. The birth of WERA was in fact the birth of roadracing for thousands in the east.

The factories at first paid little attention to the racers in this fledgling organization but slowly the recognition came.

In 1977 Freddie Spencer won four WERA titles, shortly after that Spencer was riding a factory Kawasaki. Mike Baldwin had won the WERA Formula One title in 1977 and he too was on a Factory Kawasaki by the 1979 season.

Throughout the 1982 and 1983 season Dale Quarterly gave the Factories something to look at by dominating Superbike classes during the season and at the G.N.F. Quarterly had Kawasaki Factory help in 1984.

A west coast journalist took note of a very fast Kevin Schwantz

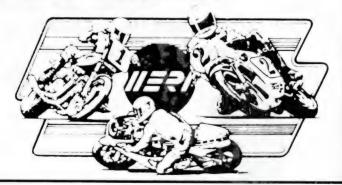
during the 1984 endurance season. The next year Schantz was on a Suzuki backed Yoshimura Superbike.

John Kocinski turned heads during the 1985 endurance season on the championship winning Cycle Tech team, and picked up a Yamaha ride.

I think the factories missed on a couple of occasions, overlooking a few riders who might have done well on factory iron. Boonie Knott and Bobby Goodin came to mind as two guys who should have been given a chance.

All of the racers that I have mentioned have helped open the door to factory rides for non-Californians. That and a couple of other factors should help future racers in their quest to be noticed by Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki or Yamaha.

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CYCLE TECH RACING WINS 1985 TITLE

by Larry Lawrence

1985 was a great year for the WERA National Endurance Series. The final outcome of the overall championship as well as several of the class championships came down to the final round at Road Atlanta. The California based Cycle Tech Racing took the overall championship just ahead of the fabulous Speed Boys from Pennsylvania.

John Bradley the man behind Cycle Tech, assembled an outstanding team of riders and mechanics to contest the series. As far as the riders, hows Dave Aldana and Wes Cooley for starters. After Cooley's early season crash Cycle Tech picked up Joey Osowski. To round out the team Cycle Tech recruited 17 year old John Kocinski. Bill Foster was the man responsible for keeping Cycle Tech's Suzuki GSXR750 in winning form.

The combination proved to be a winner and Cycle Tech took second behind Team Hammer in their very first effort at Indianapolis.

Another first year team Solmax Racing took third at Indy serving notice of their intentions. Ronnie Bowen had done what many considered impossible, securing sponsorship from a non-motorcycle related company. Solmax USA a tanning product producer backed the team on their distinctively styled Yamaha FJ1100 based on a purple color scheme.

The first round victory for Team Hammer was the only win of the season for the team. It was a dismal season for the two-time National Champion. A rash of breakdowns kept the team sidelined for many hours during the season.

Cycle Tech went on to win round two at St. Louis finishing only seven seconds ahead of Hammer. Speed Boys now with backing from Parts Unlimited took third.

The endurance trail led to the 2 mile, 10 turn Summit Point Raceway for Round Three. Speed Boys recovered from an early race crash to take the win. C-G Racing and Z-P Racing finished second and third.

At this point in the season, the series was really building into a highly competitive one with three races completed, three teams had won. After the addition of the supefast John Kocinski at Summit, Cycle Tech went on to win the next three rounds of the series, (Pocono, Pueblo and Loudon) in convincing fashion.

Round number seven was the Granddaddy of them all, the 24 Hours of Nelson. If any team was going to catch Cycle Tech, they were going to have to do it at Nelson. The Speed Boys responded with a beautiful ride to stay in contention.

H.S.C. Racing finished second and Cycle Tech took third after an engine change.

Speed Boys started a streak of their own by winning rounnd eight at Road Atlanta. Larry Burkholder, Bob Frank, Mark Heiser and John Yurejefcic were showing what a little teamwork between racing buddies could accomplish.

Cycle Tech came back and won a rainy round nine at Blackhawk Farms.

The second 24 hour race of the season was held in the desert of Willow Springs, California. Cycle Tune took that round. The attribution rate was high, in that race Cycle Tech and

Team Hammer broke while leading.

Dean Swims got a couple of his friends together for round 11 at Roebling Road. Since Mike Harth and Ron Ewerth were on Swims friend list, it's not hard to see why they won that round on the Cycle Performance FZ750.

Cycle Tech took round 12 at Texas World Speedway, but the Speed Boys stayed close enough to stay within shooting distance.

The last round before the final was held at Craten Raceway in Michigan. Speed Boys were there but Cycle Tech skipped the round. Speed Boys by virtue of their third place finish behind Joe Brothers Racing and Filthy Five Canada, grabbed enough points to be very close to Cycle Tech going into the last round.

A shake up in the Cycle Tech camp left insiders wondering if they could be a strong team at the Grand National Finals.

All doubts were shattered when Cycle Tech showed up in full force including Aldana, who has missed the Texas World round.

Cycle Tech won the final and were crowned 1985 National Endurance Champion.

Only 20 points down in the standings and taking second overall was Speed Boys. Solmax Racing finished third and won the Heavy weight Production class. Generic Racing, Team Wanker, Local Motion Racing, Cycle Speed Racing and Team Hammer were the other class winners.

Cycle Tech seemed to have the perfect combination of riders. Dave Aldana the senior rider with the experience of World Championship endurance racing under his belt. Joe Osowski one of the most experience American endurance pilots who rode steady and fast at every race. And finally the young John Kocinski who seemed to break track records everywhere he went. Kocinski garnered a lot of publicity through the series and was signed by the Yamaha factory a few months later.



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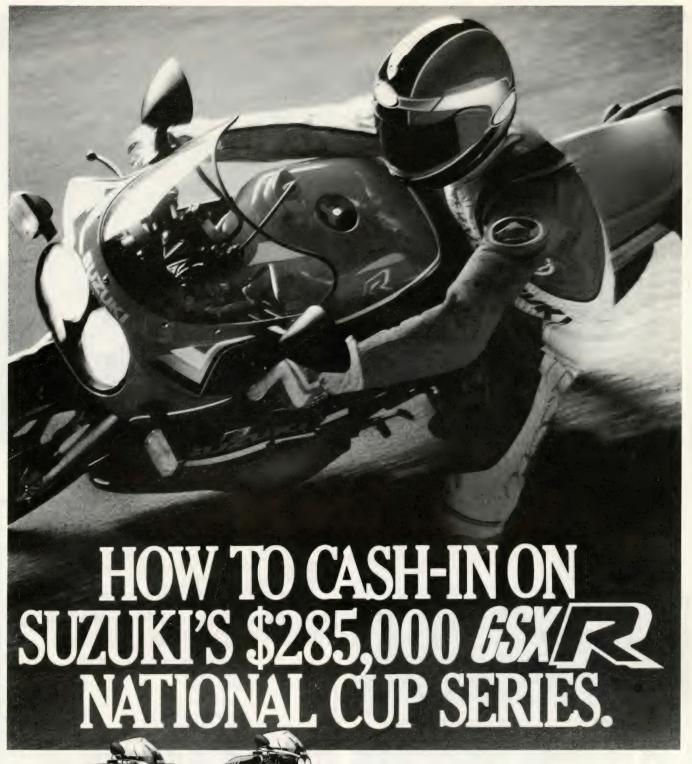
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They're calling it The New Team Hammer with the motto "Young, Tough and Hungry." What that all means is that two-time WERA National Endurance Champion Team Hammer is back with the strongest racing program in the team's five-year history, staffed with a trio of young riders and a new crew chief.

Team Hammer returned to the WERA winner's circle after a 12-month dry spell by winning the first race of 1986, riding a new Suzuki GSXR1100. Hammer's 1986 racebike had first rolled on a racetrack just 10 days before the event, held April 12 at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Indianapolis, Indiana. But that didn't keep Team Hammer riders Doug Toland, Pat Hernon and Dave Sadowski from running away from the competition and winning the six-hour event, entered by 79 teams.

Team Hammer has been completely restructed for the 1986 season, under the leadership of Team Hammer founder Bruce Hammer. Toland, from Buena Park, California, is 22 years old, and Hernon (from Columbus, Ohio) and Sadowski (from Exeter, New Hampshire) are both 21 years old. They're riding a stock-framed GSXR1100 racebike built and prepared by crew chief Gary Hilgenberg of Long Beach, California; Hilgenberg is a former dirt track racer and tuner and at one time operated a Suzuki dealership in Ames, Iowa. In 1985, Hilgenberg tuned Wayne Rainey's RS500 for MacLean Racing.

Team Hammer's basically stock engines are prepared by Bill Foster, who now works for Vance & Hines Racing in Santa Fe Springs, California; Foster was the man behind Cycle Tech Racing's successful 1985 WERA season.

When not racing, Toland is a test rider for U.S. Suzuki Motor Corp., Sadowski is a motorcycle salesman for Adventure Suzuki in New Hampshire and Hernon sells motorcycles for a dealer in Columbus.

Team Hammer's 1986 endurance racing effort is sponsored by Vance & Hines, Arai Helmets, Bel-Ray Lubricants, Emgo Oil Filters, Performance Machine, Cam 2 Racing Gasoline, Fox Racing USA, ND Spark Plugs, Dunlop Tires and Diamond Chain.



Team Hammer's Doug Toland at Indianapolis Raceway Park, April 12.



Team Hammer crew chief Gary Hilgenberg modified the Team Hammer Suzuki's swingarm by adding bracing and then had the assembly heat treated to T-6 specifications.



Ronnie Bowen looks over his eager riders school class.



The final round of the Endurance in 1985 saw #51 Cycle Tech take first over #38 Bridgeport Kawasaki and #5 Speed Boys.

RIDER'S SCHOOLS

One of the most asked questions from potential new racers is: "How do I get started in roadracing?"

The first major step a new racer has to accomplish is the Rider's School. WERA has held formal schools since 1980. In 1983, WERA started to sanction and accredit independent Rider's Schools. Today WERA recognizes the following Rider's Schools:

Rochester Road Racers Southeast Asphalt Academy MCRA School CRRC School Casport School Penquin School

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This year WERA will recognize the on course portion of the Keith Code Superbike School and will require riders having taken that course to take only the written and classroom portion of the WERA schools. WERA is working on forming another school in the North Central Region, which will deal with Grattan Raceway in Michigan.

The main purpose of the school is to give the student a good, in-depth orientation to the sport. Some of the topics covered are the flagging procedures, five minute warm-up lap, courtesy on and off the track, accident avoidance, basic race lines, steering, braking and the topic of speed is touched upon briefly since the main goal of the school is safety and the track, not speed.

The Rider's School is a good way for a potential racer to see if he/she will like racing. Many of the items covered in the school can be applied directly to street riding if one chooses not to compete on the track.



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Oak Hill Raceway, Henderson, TX: East of Henderson. Go east on Texas Route 43 approximately 3 miles to gas station. Go north 2 miles to track.

Pocono International Raceway, Long Pond, PA: Near Blakslee, PA Take PA 115 south from I-80 at the Blakslee exit, go 4 miles to the first left turn and track is on the right

Texas World Speedway, College Station, TX: Approximately 4 miles east of College Station on Texas Highway 6.

Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI: Off Michigan Route 44, onto Old Belding Road. Take a left at the gas station (Lessiter) and up the hill 1.5 miles. Track is on left

Nelson Ledges Road Course, Warren, OH. Exit from the Ohio Turnpike at the Warren exit and a printed sheet of directions is available from the toll booth attendant. The track is just south of Highway 422, approximately 10 miles west of Warren.

Blackhawk Farms Raceway, Beloit, IL: Take the Gardner Street exit off I-90 in South Beloit, IL. Go west on Gardner Street to Highway 51, go right to the first street which is Shirland Avenue. Take Shirland Avenue west to Fisher Road and go west to the track.

Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, WV: Located between Winchester and Charles Town on West Virginia Highway 671

Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA: Located on Georgia Route 53 between US 23 and I-85, 40 miles north of Atlanta

Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, IN: Exit I-465 at Clermont exit, turn right at stoplight Located on US Highway 136 between Clermont and Brownsburg

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett. OK: About 40 miles west of Tulsa off I-40 at the Hallett exit Directions for the track are available from the toll booth attendant.

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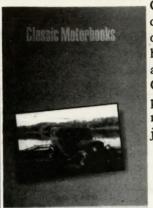
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Who are these racers and where do they come from? And why? Most of these riders compete in the WERA events because of the pure satisfaction they derive from racing their favorite form of transportation. Plus, racing provides a thrill of challenge far greater than the daily nine-to-five grind of the regular work week. Besides, gathering at a race track with a horde of others who have the same interest provides the ultimate in diversion.

Of course, there are those riders who find that they really do have a knack for tossing a motorcycle nearly on its side to get through a twisting turn quicker. These WERA riders do strive to become professional champions, seeking worldwide notoriety and the financial success that goes along with it. World Champion Freddie Spencer, Jr. began his roadracing career at the age of 14 at WERA sanctioned events!

WERA riders come from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. They range in age from an impetuous 12 to a refined 53. Their occupations range from welders, machinists and laborers to teachers, graduate students and lawyers. Their names may be as unusual as Lannuzelli or as common as Smith and Jones.

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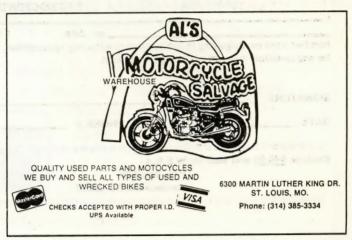
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